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Dear Bill,

When you resigned in 1951 as Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, you agreed to serve for, at least, a year as a consultant to the Central Intelligence Agency. Having made the first serious study by an American of the British Intelligence system, having worked on the organization of the original Central Intelligence Group and served on its advisory committee, having helped to draft the Act establishing the Central Intelligence Agency in 1947, and been a member of the Dulles Committee which surveyed its activities in 1948, you are specially qualified by experience to assist as a consultant in the continued development of CIA.

I am informed that, at present, you are giving about one week of each month to this work. It is not expected that you can continue to devote this much time to CIA and hold down a full time job as managing partner of J. H. Whitney and Company. I do hope and expect that you can henceforth set aside three or four days of each month to CIA. This, I know, will require a drastic curtailment of your hospital and other welfare activities in New York City and in New Jersey. It is, nevertheless, so clearly in the public interest for you to devote your spare time to the field you know best in a most critical period of intelligence operations and development, that I am confident the hospital and other welfare boards on which you serve will permit you to resign or grant you leave of absence. I certainly urge them to do so. I realize that this may appear a bit selfish, but it is selfishness in the interest of the United States, and this needs no apology.

Faithfully,

/s/ Bevell Smith

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Letter from Gen Smith to W.H.J.

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Deputy Director of Central Intelligence,
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